

LOG NOTE — Chief, JPRS

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At 0930 today, I held a general meeting with all JPRS employees and announced the disassociation of JPRS from the Department of Commerce and our open and direct association with CIA. In my explanation of the action, I adhered to the letter as well as the spirit of the Background paper on the subject, elaborating on the various administrative and mechanical changes that will have to be made, from payroll to the immediate lifting of labels identifying JPRS with Commerce. Effective today JPRS reports will be published without the Commerce seal, and all our stationery and mailing labels will no longer have Commerce Department or NTIS in the letterheads.

I played the whole surfacing matter in low key, and kept my explanations brief and reassuring; but at the same time stressing the fact that my door was open to everybody, if more explanations, guidance or information were needed. One CE asked if there was any significance to the timing of the change, and I answered that there was no special significance as to the timing, but that it has just become a matter of policy to directly associate JPRS with the Agency at this time. The whole meeting went smoothly, and by noon today what few questions some CE's had queried their supervisors on, were simple administrative matters that were easily handled. (cc: Chairman, O/Director, C/Admin)